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When a hospital stay goes wrong

Bill Valentine's brush with death highlights problems in healthcare

by JAMIE WALLACE
Osprey News Network

Bill Valentine checked into a Toronto hospital three years ago for what was supposed to be a "three-day repair job."

Valentine, a local politician in Haliburton County for 31 years, was healthy but suffered nagging backaches from old football and hockey injuries so he scheduled an operation to repair worn out discs in his lower back.

The 73-year-old ended up in intensive care for a week and a half suffering from collapsed lungs and kidney failure.

He is still struggling to recover from mistakes made during a routine surgery.

One doctor told his wife Sandy that her husband wasn't given enough fluids during the operation.

"At three o'clock in the morning, I begged for help," she says and a young doctor urged her to "get him out of there" to save his life.

The hospital itself admitted no wrong-doing.

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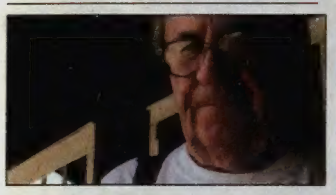

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Dr. Ross Baker

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A diva reigns

Makeup artist Doug Atkinson from the television show Diva on a Dime gives a makeover to Minden resident Pat Cupiss at the local pharmacy on Tuesday, Aug. 9. Diva on a Dime is enjoying its second season and can be seen on Global television. Story on page 5.

Maple Lake landfill may be expanded

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The Maple Lake landfill site may be expanded as part of Algonquin Highlands Waste Management Plan that aims to deal with the township's trash until the year 2030.

The third public consultation meeting for the Algonquin Highlands Waste Management Plan took place at the Stanhope Fire Hall on Saturday, August 6. Partly due to administrative errors on behalf of council, there was a low turnout.

Among the topics discussed was the possibility of expanding the Maple Lake site, as well as the possibility of implementing a bag-tag system, and the options for exporting solid waste from the township.

Project manager Tyler Peters of SGS Lakefield Research was on hand at Saturday's meeting to bring the public up to date on the Waste Management Plan and to field questions and concerns from ratepayers and stakeholders.

Currently, the township is considering three avenues of waste management: waste diversion, landfill site expansion and waste exportation. These three options would be used in conjunction with one another as part of the Waste Management Plan.

SGS has determined that an increase in

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waste diversion, such as organics composting, bag tag fees and bag limits, could yield a reduction of generated waste by as much as 15 to 20 per cent providing there was an aggressive education program and strong support from the ratepayers.

In 2004, Algonquin Highlands produced 730 tonnes of solid waste and 580 tonnes of recycling, operating at a 44 per cent waste diversion rate. Peters did say that this was an impressive recycling rate; however, he also noted that SGS suspects these numbers may not be entirely accurate because of the seasonal residents of Algonquin Highlands.

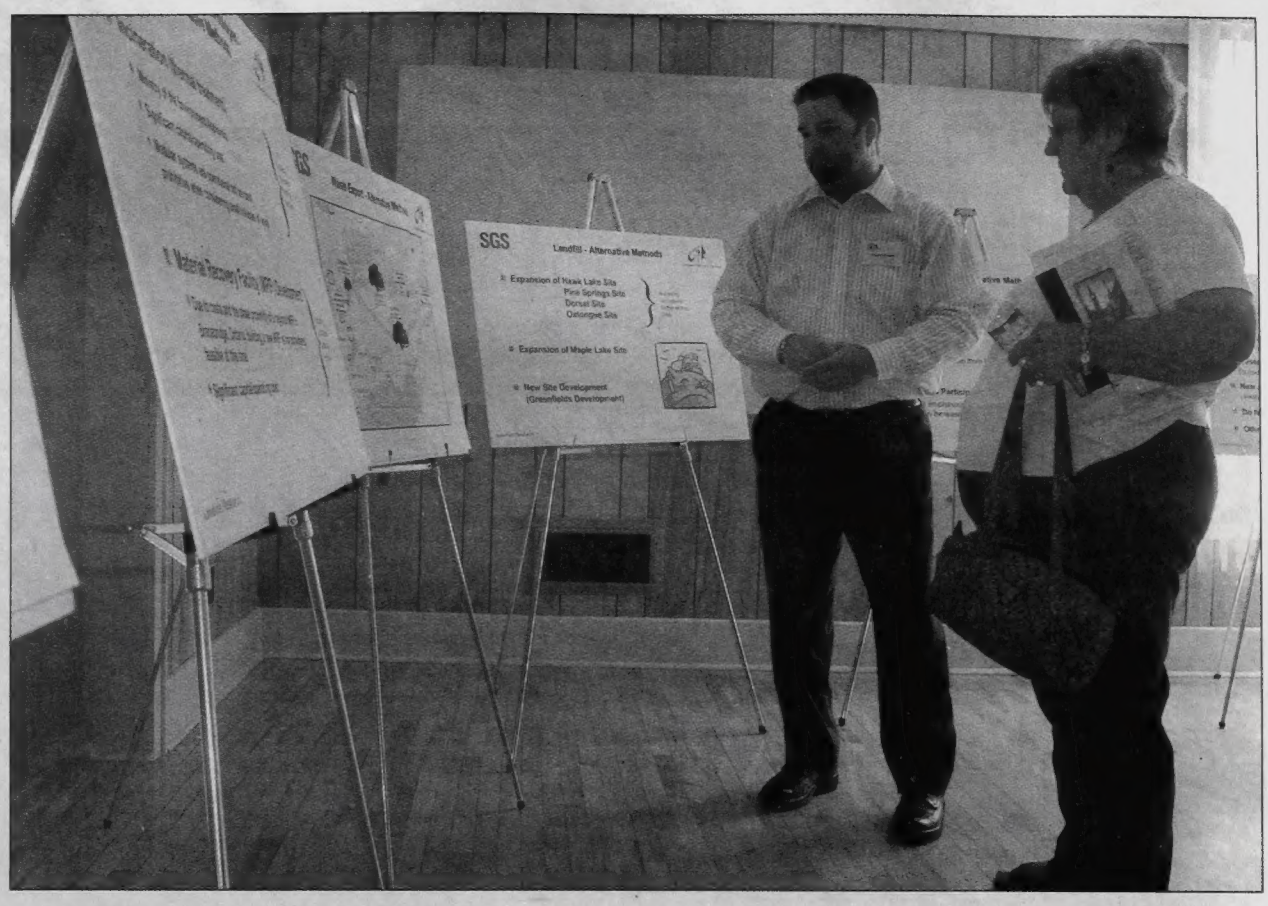
The Ministry of the Environment urges townships and municipalities to operate at a 60 per cent waste diversion rate. Peters said that if Algonquin Highlands adopted greater waste diversion tactics such as organic composting, bag tags and bag limits, they could reach that goal.

In Ontario there are currently 195 municipal waste diversion programs in effect, of which 80 municipalities have user-pay systems such as bag tags and other user pay fees.

The second topic at Saturday's public meeting was the expansion of the Maple Lake landfill site. Through preliminary studies, SGS and council have concluded that Maple Lake is the only suitable landfill site capable of expansion. Currently, the Maple Lake site accepts 1,475 cubic meters of waste a year. It is estimated that the Maple Lake site has less than three years before it reaches capacity.

Ratepayers present at Saturday's meeting expressed concern that the Maple Lake site was also the possible candidate for the septage lagoon.

Eddie Lehman, a North Shore Lake Road resident is not bothered by the idea of an expanded landfill at Maple Lake. His concern is that it is done right.



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Jean Brickell was one of the few Algonquin Highlands ratepayers who attended Saturday's Waste Management Plan public consultation meeting. She spoke at length with Tyler Peters of SGS Lakefield Research Limited about the possible introduction of user fees.

"It's an issue that needs addressing, there are no two ways about it," he said. "But is the Waste Management Plan taking into account the septage issue?"

Although the septage lagoon is another issue entirely from the Waste Disposal Plan, Peters did respond, saying, "we fully anticipate it will be an integrated review."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison made it clear that council does intend to take both the waste and sewage issues into review together when deciding the future of the Maple Lake landfill site.

The final option being considered by council is waste exportation to waste processing sites outside of the township. SGS has calculated the average cost of exporting waste outside the township to be an estimated $250 per tonne. Out of six waste processing sites contacted, three have expressed interest in entering into a long-term contract with the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

With such a low turnout at the last two public meetings (Thursday August 4 in Dorset and Saturday August 6 in Stanhope), there will be a final public meeting scheduled later this summer or early next fall. Contact the Algonquin Highlands township office for further information.

Harrison did say, however, she would try to have a date scheduled by the Maple Lake property owners meeting, being held tomorrow at 9 a.m. in the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall.

The final Detailed Work Plan of council's Waste Management Plan will be completed by the fall of this year. At that point, council would then set out to determine the best options for managing waste in Algonquin Highlands.

The preliminary draft of the Detailed Work Plan as well as a summary of the plan to date is available through the Algonquin Highlands website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

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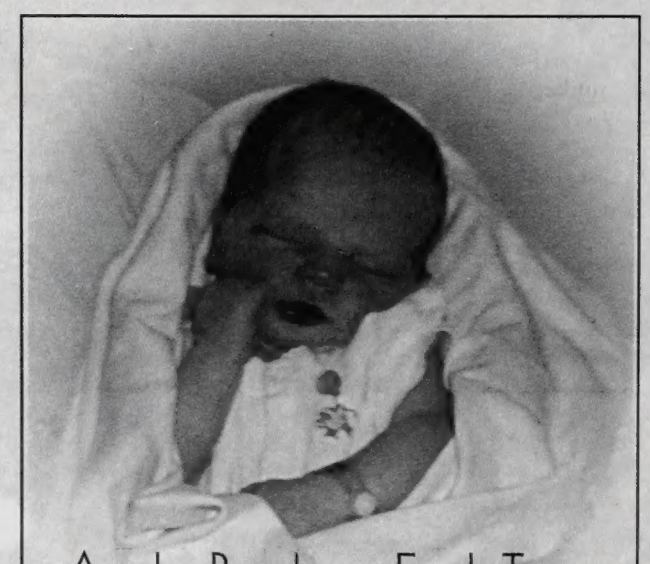
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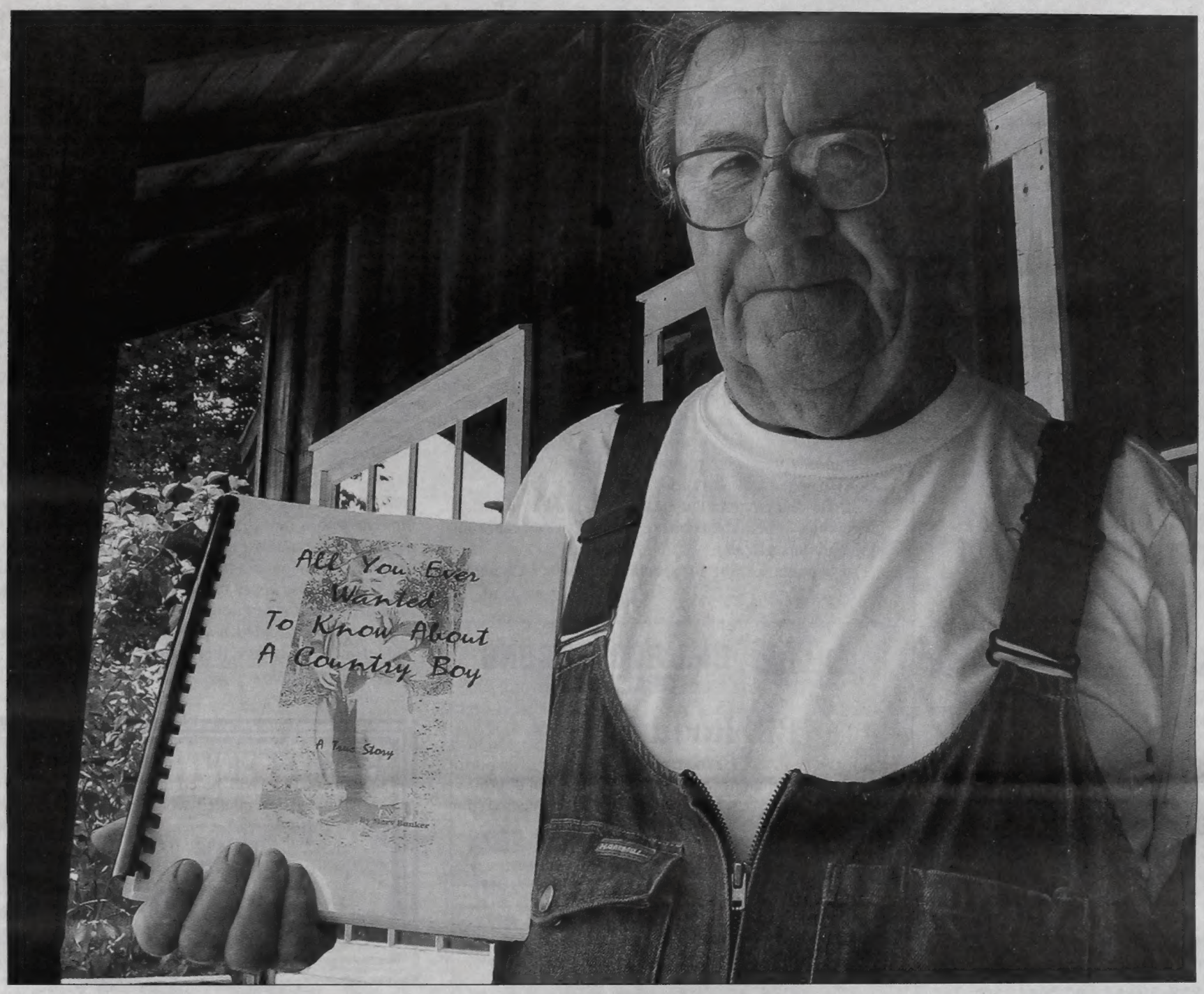

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Seen here is Minden's newest author, Merv Bunker, on Bunker Hill with his new book, *All You Ever Wanted To Know About A Country Boy.*

Memoirs of a Country Boy

by **BRYN WEESE**
Times Staff

Minden's newest author, Merv Bunker, has self-published a book that is sure to please most any reader. Whether as an informative personal account of life in a different era or as a humour piece about the life of a man who has seen it all, *All You Ever Wanted To Know About A Country Boy* is well worth a read.

The book is a fascinating story about a man who has experienced life in all shapes and forms and all its ups and downs. He tells the stories of his life with surprising humour, given that he grew up in the Depression and had his house expropriated in 1972.

Born in 1930, Bunker's early days were spent in the grip of the Great Depression. The 1930s were years of hardship for many people in North America, especially for families like the Bunkers who lived in rural Canada.

"It was tougher for my parents than it was for me," Bunker recalls. "There was always enough food on the table but we had no money, and they had bills to pay."

Although Bunker remembers vividly the harsh times his family faced, he is equally capable of remembering fondly the good times of his childhood.

"We could have made a bunch of sad stories here, I mean they were there," Bunker says. "But I didn't try to get into that too deep…it takes the fun out of reading it and you know there were a lot of sad times but there was a lot of good times."

The book somewhat chronologically meanders through his life from birth until 1972 when the Bunkers were forced to leave their home in Altona (30 miles east of Toronto).

"Somebody in government decided they needed a new airport like a hole in the head," Bunker says.

Yet the Pickering Airport for which the Bunkers' home was expropriated was never built. As sad as it was for the Bunker family to leave Altona and the home where Bunker had grown up, they are very happy with the home they have created for themselves near Minden over the past 29 years.

In the Minden area, Bunker has made a name for himself mainly as a carpenter and the creator of an intricate miniature pioneer village. As an author, however, Bunker is new to the game.

"I never wrote anything in my life except in school and that was over 50 years ago," he readily admits.

From the beginning of the book, it is clear that Bunker is not an experienced author. When the first draft was finished, his copy editors (namely his wife and kids) could not find any chapters, paragraphs, capital letters or even punctuation – Bunker had compiled his memoirs into one long sentence.

But the unique style of Bunker's writing (now complete with punctuation) is partly what gives the book its charm. Bunker lays himself bare on the page with his views on politics, marriage, parenting and society at large in plain language for all too read.

"It's me, plain and simple" Bunker says of his uniquely informal writing style. "It don't matter where I am, I gotta be the same person."

That is the truth. The stories Bunker tells are the same over a dinner table or by a campfire as they are on the page, making for a very different reading experience.

For example, the skunk story is one of Bunker's finest.

"Now ifin you know anything at all about these beasts ifin you're gonna dig em out you have to wait until winter when they're all denned up and gone to sleep, maybe 6 to 12 in one den.

"An old time skunk digger outer told me what to do. You don't just take a diggin. You cut yourself a long thin stick, shove it down the hole to see which way its headed and dig a hole when you hit their tunnel, use your stick again, dig another hole."

As you can probably be imagined, in only two pages Bunker and his dog Skipper are covered in skunk spray.

"I'm here to be tellin' you the air around that hole was blue or grey from all the skunk spray…took to gagging and pukin like I never had before. Finally got our eyes wiped out a bit with snow and headed for home soaked with spray from head to toe."

It is easy to see why Bunker's style, although folksy, tells a great story. Rich in humour and life, Bunker's book is an engaging read.

He originally wrote the book for his children. Something, he says, that they could read to learn about their father's past. What started 10 years ago as a note for his family has now become a self-published personal account of what country boys are all about – where they come from, how they do things and why they are the way they are.

"When one or two more generations pass away," Bunker says, "all of these stories will be lost."

His wish is for people from all walks of life to understand the world that once was and to realize that people's lives, regardless of money or consumer goods, are all full of valuable stories worth telling.

All You Ever Wanted To Know About a Country Boy will be on sale at this year's Haliburton Fair for $20. The book is also available at Bunker's Hill on Twelve Mile Lake Road.

New teachers, new books in board's 2005 budget

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

There will be more money for teachers, textbooks, programs to teach boys how to read, custodians and first aid training for school bus drivers if the Trillium Lakelands District School Board passes its draft budget later this month.

However, students will still have to walk the same distance to their bus stop and there are no immediate plans to build a new school in the Wilberforce area.

On Tuesday night, trustees took their first look at the board's $174 million budget. While most spending is fixed by the province, the board has introduced several district initiatives in response to a "think tank" it held in the spring.

The province has given the board a two per cent increase overall, with extra funds for specific programs. The increase is largely swallowed up by increases in the recent contract talks with teachers but there is more room to manoeuvre program spending now that $10 million in capital debt has been cleared.

Instructional costs, primarily teachers' salaries, account for 74 per cent of the budget or $128.6 million. The next highest cost is school operations and capital at 14.1 per cent, or $24.5 million. Transportation is 8.9 per cent, or $15.4 million. The school board is passing on a 3.5 per cent increase from the province to school bus operators. Finally, administration accounts for nine per cent, or $5.5 million. Trustees laughed when their share of this cost came in at a tiny fraction of one per cent. The nine are given $5,000 a year as an honorarium and $5,000 for expenses, with a little extra for the board chair and vice-chair. Altogether the trustees cost the board $105,000 a year.

Superintendent of business, Jim Bradley, took the trustees through a step by step breakdown of the balanced budget. Of special interest was the $1.6 million allocated for special programs identified as priorities for this board.

Highlights of the budget include:

- full-time senior kindergarten; in Haliburton County, all-day, every-day kindergarten will be introduced in Wilberforce as a pilot project
- funding to subsidize the hiring of one principal and one secretary for rural schools such as Cardiff and Wilberforce.
- CPR and first aid training for bus drivers. There is one-time funding of $86,000 but Bradley is hoping that it will become a permanent program.
- the hiring of seven new custodians under the Cleaner Safer Schools program
- elementary staffing increases to provide more specialist teachers and increased prep time
- secondary staffing increases to provide more teachers for student success programs to reduce the drop-out rate as well as a reduced work load
- a four-year contract with teachers to provide stability
- funding to help the board reach the 20:1 teacher ratio in the primary grades
- sustainable funding for special education. In June, the board feared special education funding was being cut "but in fact there's been something of an increase," Bradley said. The board will receive $17,000 for each high need student. Overall, the special education budget is increasing $2 million from $21 million to $23 million
- permanent funding to subsidize community use of schools. This helps reduce the costs that community groups pay to use the schools after hours
- an expected $420,000 for textbooks and school supplies
- an extra $15,000 for the apprenticeship program
- $30,000 for a boys literacy program since testing reveals young boys aren't reading as well as young girls
- and $36,000 to implement School's Cool, a kindergarten preparation program initiated by SIRCH, which is based in Haliburton.

Trustee Doris Monahan asked if the province had increased funding for buses to allow the board to decrease the distance students must walk before a bus will pick them up. Bradley says the funding is "under review."

"They've been saying that for seven years," Monahan replied.

Trustee Rick noted that the board is taking money out of other programs to subsidize transportation costs. "If we were just spending what the province gave us, children would be walking farther than they are now.

Asked whether any money was being set aside to build a new school to accommodate Wilberforce and Cardiff students, Bradley said that "unless the ministry comes through with a model that allows us to close the [existing] schools, the only funding is through our capital forecast." Construction of a new school is not included in this year's budget. He hopes that the province will have a new funding model for new schools in the late fall.

The trustees decided that they do not need a second budget meeting before their regular board meeting on August 23, when they expect to pass the budget.

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Make-up diva makes smiles shine a little brighter

Doug Atkinson turns women's faces into his canvas during Minden visit

by **BRYN WEESE**
Times Staff

For some lucky Minden ladies made-over by TV celeb Doug Atkinson, smiles were a little brighter on Tuesday afternoon.

Atkinson, host of Global's makeover reality series Diva on a Dime, was in Minden's PharmaSave on Tuesday giving complete facial makeovers to lucky draw winners and making people feel good about themselves.

"I think it's important to make people smile on the inside as well as on the outside," says Atkinson. "We are making people happy."

Atkinson says that the most important part of his job is streamlining people's make-up goals.

"There are many people out there who just don't know what they want," he says.

For the lucky women selected for makeovers, Atkinson's services were available for free. As he himself says, this same service costs hundreds of dollars per appointment in Toronto.

This service, however, was not spawned form the goodness of Atkinson's heart. By giving the makeovers and an informational talk to prospective buyers, Atkinson was also promoting his company's line of cosmetics.

Darren Lum/TIMES

These two women are almost a before and after mirror image of each other at Doug Atkinson's makeover visit to the Minden PharmaSave last week. The visit was to promote his show, Diva on a Dime, and the products he uses.

As the media spokesperson for Del Laboratories, Atkinson was promoting the Sally Hansen Healing Beauty cosmetic line and the New York Colour line, both of which Minden's PharmaSave carry.

It is clear, though, that Atkinson does love his job. Aside from promoting cosmetic lines, he also enjoys making people pretty.

"It is my passion," he says.

The real question is whether Atkinson achieved his goals. Did the lucky women enjoy their experience with the make-up celeb?

"It was a lot of fun," says Lori Box who was one of the first women in the makeover chair. "The whole experience was good."

Kate Barnes, another lucky canvas, also enjoyed her makeover experience.

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How it should be done

IN HIS STORY ABOUT BILL VALENTINE'S life-threatening experience in an Ontario hospital, Osprey's Queen's Park correspondent Jamie Wallace says that when it comes to finding a solution to our healthcare needs, experts agree on one thing: "Ontario needs an organized, efficient and integrated system to connect the vast series of medical services working in isolation, even competition with one another."

In other words, Ontario needs the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

What a success story it has become. Its budget is balanced. The Haliburton Hospital, which it manages, was one of the few in Ontario to get a perfect audit for its infection control practices. It made a successful bid to get one of the first Family Health Networks in the province, which means it will be able to improve the services it's already supplying.

HHHS works because it is "an organized, efficient and integrated system." Its umbrella of services is broad: emergency care, acute care, long-term care, physiotherapy, mental health services, diabetes education, support services for people living in the apartments in Haliburton and Minden and telehealth, which uses technology to link healthcare providers and patients in Haliburton to specialists in larger urban centres.

The new Family Health Network proposes to extend the umbrella out a little farther. Working with local doctors, they'll be able to hire new staff to address healthcare needs that are specific to Haliburton County. This is such a smart way of doing things; it responds to the community's needs rather than responding to the dictates of the province. Given that we have the largest percentage of senior citizens this will allow the HHHS to cater its programs specifically to their needs.

Another point made by Jamie Wallace is that we won't solve our healthcare problems by throwing more money into the system. With an annual pricetag of $42 billion, healthcare already accounts for the majority of the province's spending. There's no point simply pumping more money into the system if the money that's already being spent is blocked from getting to the right place. We need to do things smarter.

The HHHS is an example of what should be done across the province. It integrates various services while also allowing them flexibility. It's responsive to the community's needs. It saves money by sharing services. It treats healthcare as a complex entity that needs a comprehensive approach. It has no turf wars to divert attention away from the patient.

At the time it was formed a decade ago, the HHHS was a made-in-Haliburton solution to a festering problem. Two communities, Minden and Haliburton, didn't have the resources to provide a proper healthcare system on their own. By bringing them together, the HHHS was able to be greater than the sum of its two parts. It wasn't easy, but today many of the tensions between the two communities have dissipated.

Some of the credit for that goes to the HHHS's first executive director, Foster Loucks. Born in the county, he had an intuitive knowledge of its personality and needs. He also had the expertise to allow him to distance himself from the politics of healthcare and in personality, he was both accommodating of differences and determined to do what was necessary to overcome them.

It's not surprising, therefore, that as the province embarks on another process of integrating healthcare services, Loucks has been asked to come out of retirement to head one of the new Local Integrated Healthcare Networks. It's a huge compliment and also a show of faith in the Highlands' ability to overcome difficulties by working together.

Martha Perkins

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Lessons not learned from 2003 blackout

To the Editor:

The blackout on August 14, 2003 resulted in loss of life, in addition to economic losses of more than $6 billion in the USA and Canada. The Minden area escaped any major impact but the impact on the rest of the province and the country was very severe and a cause for concern. Can it happen again? Are we any safer?

While some small steps have been taken to improve the overall system, fundamental changes have yet to been taken. Given the recent bombings in London and other parts of the world the reliability and security of our electricity system is at risk. Recommendations to improve the operating procedure have been ignored and dismissed as nonessential.

Unfortunately, experts believe that if a similar event occurred the same result will occur. To protect and recover from another blackout we need to make changes on how the electricity system reacts to instabilities.

We know from the study of blackouts in Europe, South America and the USA that these events all follow similar patterns. Normally four stages of protection are used to mitigate the impact. They are: prevent, contain, lessen and restore. Steps have been taken to reduce the chance of human error in the prevent category. In

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Columnıs and Letters to the Editor

Rattling sabres

I'M NOT ONE for needless fear mongering but I think it's high time that we all faced the truth - we're about to be invaded by the Danes. For the love of God, prepare yourselves.

Oh sure, we think it can't happen here. We think that Canada, one of the world's great military powers, is invulnerable to attack. But nothing could be further from the truth. We are about to be clobbered by a bunch of guys named Hans, Lars, and Anders. If we don't act soon, mark my words, there will be windmills on Parliament Hill. And there's just enough hot air in those parts to power them, too.

In case you haven't been following the big international news stories, we are at odds with the Danes over Hans Island, a 1.3- square-kilometre frozen, rocky outcrop that lies off the coast of Greenland. The island is not at all important now, but it might be in a hundred years if global warming progresses as planned.

That's why, in late July, Defence Minister Bill Graham planted our flag on it. He was being proactive. The Danes immediately sent a warship to plant their flag there, too. Rumour has it that they also sent a Great Dane to pee on our flagpole. Talk about an unwarranted act of barbarism.

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Steve Galea

Sure, a lot of political analysts will tell you that we're going to come to some sort of amicable, negotiated agreement with the Danes over ownership of the island. But I say, pshaw! And, believe me, I only say that so that the Danes won't understand my meaning.

Confusing language like that is just one of the wartime measures that every patriotic Canadian ought to be taking now. After all, the Danes only speak English as a second language so the use of words like "ergo," and/or "marmalade" will confuse them to no end. It's just like in Quebec.

Trust me on this. I have the sort of keen tactical mind that comes from repeated episodes of Hogan's Heroes.

It'll start, as all great wars do, with a Danish embargo - not an embargo by the Danes but an actual embargo of Danishes, probably cherry or blueberry to start. If it really gets bad, we might just have to make do with lemon.

Perhaps even day-olds.

Yeah, war is hell.

We'll retaliate by cutting off their supply of pea meal bacon and lacrosse equipment. From there on in, things will get nasty. We might even have to resort to dropping Celine Dion -but only as a last resort.

Expect a two-prong attack. My Military Channel education tells me that this means they'll attack from two sides rather than, as many think, with a dual-pronged implement such as tweezers. Even so, don't rule that out. After all, the Danish military rivals ours for cutting edge technology.

The first assault will be on the east coast. The Danes, when they were Vikings, invaded Newfoundland. We should never forget that. That's why I am predicting a surprise attack on our right flank. But where will the next attack come? Call me crazy but I expect a squadron of Berserkers to sail straight down the Gull River. It's where we'd least expect them. I wouldn't be surprised if a fleet of wooden long ships here within days, if they have the right winds behind them.

Until then, my countrymen, let's pray that our rowboats can cut them off.

At threshing time

SHOVELLING BARLEY in the heat and noise and filth of a grainary, your attention would be about evenly divided.

On the one hand, there was the unrelenting job of moving the constant stream of grain out of the way of the pipe that delivered it. Let the pipe plug and something unimaginably terrible would happen.

On the other hand, there was the fear the barley would bury you and nobody would notice you were missing. Fear turned to conviction as the bin filled until there was room only for you to crawl, shovelling, always shovelling, shovelling for your life.

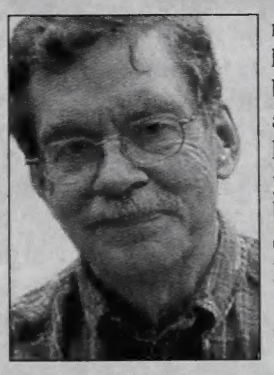
That was not the worst job at the threshings I remember from half a century ago. Up above me, there would be an old man who, inexplicably, had volunteered to tramp straw in air so thick with dirt and smut that a careless tramper might easily walk off the edge of the mow. He did it for the sport of it.

There are no words to explain the glorious bedlam of a threshing. In the barn, I could barely see or hear or breathe and only one man, my uncle, really understood how everything worked.

It is a world and a way of doing things that now seems so remote that there is nothing in it most people born since 1960, even farm people, would even recognize. And yet I think about it each August, harvest time.

There were threshing machines and binders and McCormick Deering tractors, hand pumps and kitchen ranges and dumbwaiters, smut and sheaves and stooks.

If you are old enough to remember threshing, it almost seems like something out of a painting by one of the old masters. You start to feel as though you were one of the peasants, gleaning.



BACKOFBEYOND

Neil Campbell

To begin with, a half century ago the Ontario countryside still had farm communities and nobody thought they were in agribusiness. You could make a living farming 100 acres; 200 acres was a big holding. Even Haliburton had farms, sort of, even threshing.

All up and down the rural roads in the more fertile parts of the province, every 100 acres had a house and a barn, a farmer and his family, cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, perhaps even a team of horses.

It was on one of those rural roads near Guelph that I spent big chunks of the summers of my youth on my grandfather's retirement farm, with its 50 acres and a falling-down barn. Mostly I sat around reading G.A. Henty, but at harvest time there was a chance to make spending money.

One uncle was next door on the home farm and the other, the one who owned the threshing machine, a mile up the road. A cousin at several removes and another neighbour from out on the highway made up the rest of the threshing gang.

So far as I know there were no formal agreements, perhaps not even handshakes, but what those four farmers and my grandfather had was a kind of co-operative. Fifty years later, in a world defined by calculation and self-interest, it is difficult to imagine how they made it work.

One uncle brought the threshing machine and the great, lumbering old diesel tractor that drove it; his three partners brought their tractors and wagons and strong backs. My grandfather, by then in his 70s, was past the point where he could contribute much of anything.

How did they reconcile their conflicting interests? How did they decide whose crop got threshed first? Why were the neighbours willing to pitch in for my grandfather's threshing even though he had so little to offer in return.

Each farmer did the first steps of the harvest on his own. That meant cutting and tying the grain into sheaves with a tractor-pulled binder, then propping sheaves against one another in stooks that shed the rain.

Threshing in those days was as much work for the farmer's wife as for the farmer. When the threshers came to her farm, she would be early to bake that day's pies in the oven of a wood-fired range, to make dinner and supper for men who were so tired and hungry they ate her best cooking like pigs, and to make her own reputation.

Between times, she would carry pails of water out to the men. You would dip out a quart of it and then drink it all at once, straining out any bits of straw with your teeth.

When you outgrew the grainary, there were other teenaged jobs – tractor-driving, pitching-forking sheaves onto wagons in the field or off a wagon into the thresher's maw. You began by pitching down into a feeder that looked as though it would as soon chew you up as the grain if you happened to fall into it.

Through it all moved the man in charge, my uncle, hollering and running, black with smut and oil, stopping everything to tighten a belt or unclog the straw chopper.

A whole world, seemingly complete in itself and immutable in a teenager's eyes. All of it gone now, barely remembered by old men who soon will be all gone, too.

Hydro's response time must be improved

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the remaining three categories virtually no changes have been made to improve the protection systems. Improving our response time to terrorist activities and/or other unforeseen natural disasters is key to improving overall system reliability.

The cost of blackouts depends on the duration of the outage, thus restoration work is an integral part of the overall program. Unfortunately, the deregulation of our power system has caused it to be divided into multiple parts. Each group needs to co-operate to maximize efficiency.

Regrettably, self-interest causes friction between groups and some important reliability systems to fall between the cracks. For example, black-start capabilities at Nanticoke and Lakeview coals stations were sold as a cost-cutting measure. During the 2003 blackout, the Nanticoke coal station was completely in the dark once their battery power died out.

Nobody thought that the station would ever be without power to start up at least one of the eight coal units. Black-start diesel generators were mandated into existence at coal stations following the 1965 blackout. The black-start capability at Nanticoke would have never been sold under the old Ontario Hydro management. Instead the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) allowed Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to decommission these life-saving systems without even a nod. In presentations to the IESO, staff did not acknowledge their error but have since requested OPG to reinvest in black-start facilities.

Given the serious nature of recent terrorist events, our electricity system is at risk. Simple steps could significantly lower the impact of blackouts triggered either by human error, terrorist activities or naturally-occurring events. Knowing what to do and not doing it is a serious breach of responsibility. Hydro One and other agencies responsible for the safety of our electrical system need to act on recommendations that are almost two years old to boost the reliability of the electricity system.

Frank Lenarduzzi, Engineer
Oakville, and Big Bob Lake

Darren Lum/TIMES

It's been a long journey back to good health for Bill Valentine of Lutterworth. His wife Sandy has been with him every step along the way. She was also his advocate when he was in hospital.

Medical mistakes have too high a price

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Valentine left the hospital with a huge bedsore on his spine and soon after ended up at the Lindsay hospital near his home to have it treated.

He made frequent visits to the hospital and his family doctor and currently sees seven specialists, from cardiologists to kidney specialists, to treat ailments he didn't have before the operation.

"I was strong, I was healthy and I was active in politics," Valentine says.

He can't find it in himself to blame the health care system because for most of his life, the system treated him well, including during a previous surgery to get a new hip. Instead, he thinks there were mistakes made that could have been prevented.

He is probably right.

A research paper published a year ago made national headlines by revealing that as many as 24,000 patients die in Canadian hospitals every year because of medical mistakes.

The shocking death tally cited in the Canadian Adverse Event Study incited quick reaction and national alarm.

Just as quickly, interest faded and little has been done in the past year to seriously address medical errors.

Despite the fact that three times more people die from hospital mistakes than car accidents in this country, there appears to be no national urgency to deal with the horrific number of preventable deaths and injuries or the staggering costs associated with adverse events and medical mistakes.

The consensus of leading medical practioners, administrators and health care experts interviewed by Osprey News is three-fold: We spend enough – $32.9 billion – to provide first-class health care. Secondly, Ontario needs an organized, efficient and integrated system to connect the vast series of medical services working in isolation, even competition with one another.

Finally, we need the political will to drive needed, but potentially unpopular, change.

There are ready-made solutions to reduce medical mistakes in Ontario. They include:

- Making it mandatory for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical staff to report mistakes, such as Saskatchewan recently adopted;
- Requiring all hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and other health facilities to adopt province-wide standards to promote hand-washing and other measures to control infection;
- Stricter rules governing the use of high-risk drugs including narcotics;
- Outlawing paper drug prescriptions, which frequently lead to patients getting wrong drugs and wrong doses, and replacing them with electronic prescriptions;
- Creating a new, province-wide electronic drug database that would give health professionals to patients' complete drug records and alert doctors to potentially deadly drug combinations;
- Creating a national body to measure, track and evaluate adverse events and patient safety issues;
- Spending more on education and professional development programs.

No one has been more surprised by relative calm after the storm than one of the co-authors of the research paper.

"We were somewhat disappointed the study didn't have a bigger impact," Dr. Ross Baker, one of the study's authors, told Osprey News. "I don't think there's been substantive change."

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Solutions have been identified, not implemented

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While Ottawa created a national, Canadian Patient Safety Institute, there isn't adequate funding pay for needed reforms and the institute has only recently begun to work to drive change.

"They're just getting started in substantive ways," Baker says. "I think they'll be an important resource for people across Canada but there's a lot of work to be done."

Efforts to deal with medical mistakes pale when compared to the investments being made to reduce wait times.

Nevertheless, Ontario hospitals are becoming increasingly dangerous places and patients and the public ought to be concerned.

"If you were to walk into a hospital and say am I safer now in 2005 than I was in 2004 the answer is no, with some very, very limited exceptions," Baker says.

For those who find themselves in hospitals or other health care facilities, it means you can't trust the health care system with the lives of loved ones.

"They should be vigilant and if they know they're going to be in a situation where they're not going to be conscious for some part of their stay they should try to recruit family members who can be with them," Baker says.

While there is growing awareness, in government and the medical community, of the need to respond aggressively to medical mistakes, there isn't sufficient political will to make it happen.

A shocking revelation considering the grim statistics Baker and co-author Dr. Peter Norton uncovered by examining hospital files – that a third of medical mistakes are preventable and one in five results in death.

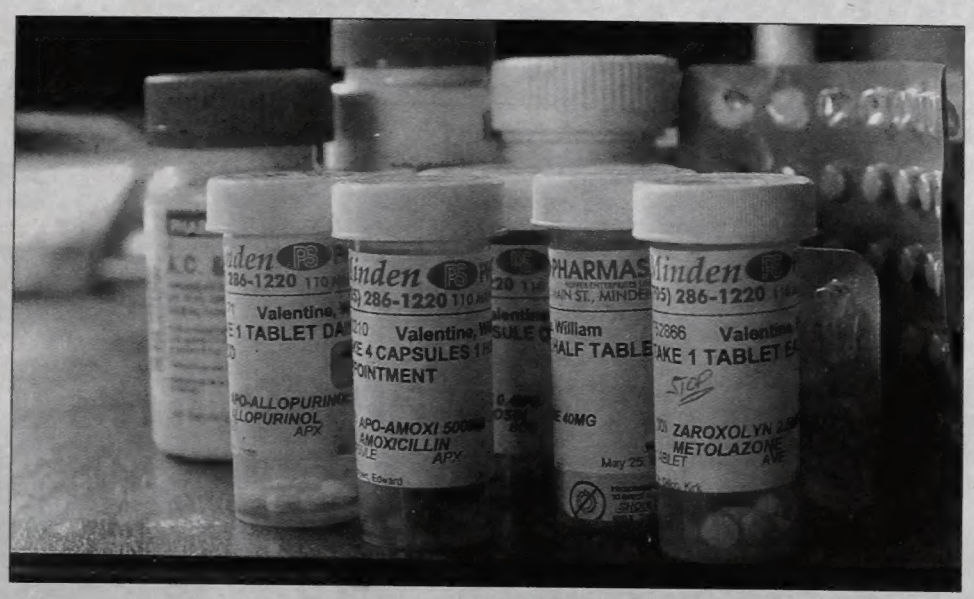
And those numbers may be low.

Baker says the number of people affected by adverse events is likely higher than his study suggested – a range of 9,250 to 23,750 annually.

A follow up report, now nearing completion, will confirm numbers in the first study were low.

"If you go out and talk to the people engaged in infection control, they will quote studies to you to say that 10,000 people die as a result of infection issues across Canada," Baker says.

Simply adopting province-wide standards and protocols to reduce hospital infections would help deal with 19 per cent of all medical complications.



Lack of fluids during Bill Valentines' back surgery likely led to host of other problems.

An "adverse event" is a medical mistake, or failure in equipment or procedures that results in injury or death.

It can range from botched surgery to a patient getting the wrong medication or wrong drug dose to a nurse failing to wash her hands and passing infection from patient to patient.

Many victims of preventable mistakes aren't told and even when mistakes are fatal, there is a culture within the medical community to deny responsibility.

The cost of turning a blind eye to such errors is astounding.

In the U.K., adverse events continue to occur in about 10 per cent of hospital admissions at a cost of $4 billion annually.

If those numbers were transposed here, adverse events amount to at least a $1 billion problem in Canada.

Baker's group has been given research money to assess a Canadian price tag on medical mistakes but there are no hard numbers at present.

"I can tell you that in the U.S. there have been studies that do some estimates and the numbers are so staggering that you can't quote them," he says.

"It just promotes disbelief but the numbers are very large."

As a first step, Ontario could encourage an open attitude about adverse events by requiring medical staff to report mistakes and "near misses." Such legislation would also need to limit lawsuits against doctors and other medical workers.

"It's not the fault of the doctors and nurses on the front line, they're running as hard as they can," Baker says.

Technology and medical advances can also help reduce medical errors. However, in some cases, new technology is responsible for medical complications.

A third of all medical mistakes occur in surgery.

"We haven't often suitably designed systems to make sure we're doing the right things in the right way for the right patients and ensured we monitor and follow up on the complications," Baker says.

Medical mistakes, infections and other adverse events in hospitals, old age homes, and health care facilities are a less obvious, but more deadly problem.

"People die one by one and many of them are very sick already and we can say this person would have died anyway and so life goes on," Baker says.

But if all health facilities in the province adopted standardized protocols, treatments and procedures for patient care, evidence in Britain, the U.S. and elsewhere shows medical mistakes would drop dramatically.

For example, doctors routinely prescribe anti-coagulation drugs in hospital for patients with heart problems to avert strokes caused by blood clots.

"Those drugs are quite powerful and need to be carefully monitored," Baker says. "The problem is different doctors have different ways to do this. So imagine a nurse who's working in a unit where's there's four or five doctors, each of whom has a separate protocol for his or her patients," he says. "What a nightmare."

What's needed is for hospitals to agree on standard protocols to administer and monitor the use of anti-coagulants, identify the exceptions and work to educate medical staff on best practices.

Drug-related mistakes accounted for half the adverse events in Baker's study.

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices in Canada showed what can be done.

A small group of doctors visited hospitals during the past year to convince them to stop using concentrated formulas of a drug used to stabilize patients during surgery.

However, doctors and nurses sometimes forget to dilute the drug and inject patients with a full, undiluted dose. The result, frequently, is heart attack and death.

Another key hurdle is Canada's failure to create a national body to record adverse events. Saskatchewan recently announced such a registry but there are no indications that Ontario, with the country's largest health care infrastructure, plans to follow suit.

Hospitals and medical administrators here must rely on guesswork to determine whether they have a problem.

Alberta, in contrast, invested in electronic, computerized medication lists – that automatically alert medical staff to dangerous drug combinations, side effects and other problems.

Ontario continues to rely on quill and ink to record patient information and as a result, drug overdoes and prescription errors are common.

At the end of the day, this province lacks adequate measures to ensure medical standards and best practices are followed in community clinics, homes and other facilities and insufficient money is spent to train health workers to avoid complications.

"Think about the individual home care nurse who's now going into people's homes on her own, and doing often complex therapies, setting drugs for patients, and the only help she can get is through her phone or through her blackberry," Baker says. "That's a real set of issues and we haven't looked closely enough at that."

Change will require political will and money from both the provincial and federal governments. "It's absolutely an urgent health care priority," Baker says.

"Imagine if we could get even half of the preventable mistakes, that frees up a lot of resources that we might use for other purposes."

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Home-built fly-in is not just a hit for the pilots

by **BRYN WEESE**
Times Staff

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Alan Smith and his daughter Emily, visitors from Toronto, were just two eager aviator enthusiasts who visited Stanhope Airport this past weekend for the ultra-light and homebuilt aircraft Fly-in. This homebuilt kit plane caught the eye of many visitors.

There was no mistaking the unusually high number of aircraft in the skies this weekend over the Stanhope area. The municipal airport was the hub of the flighty activity.

This past weekend was the airport's annual ultra-light and homebuilt fly-in. Much to the delight of hundreds of airplane enthusiasts and flyers, the event lasted all weekend long and included food, beverages, camping and good times.

"It's a meet, greet and eat," says airport committee member Barry Hart. "It's a great excuse to kick tires and look at airplanes."

In total, the airport was visited by more than 500 people, served more than 400 meals and hosted more than 50 aircraft from all over the province. Co-operative weather and friendly faces made this year's fly-in a success.

"A lot of people had a really good time," says airport manager John Packer. "There are never any frowns at a fly-in."

The ultra-light and homebuilt fly-in is one of six social events the airport hosts throughout the flying season. The events are not exclusively for the purposes of fundraising. Besides providing the airport committee with funds for future social events, the fly-in is mainly to introduce the public to flying and the airport.

"My biggest job is to try and make the community aware of what we have to offer," says Packer. He is referring not only to the aviation fuel sales and hanger rentals available at the airport, but also the essential services that use the airport: the Ministry of Natural Resources, Search and Rescue, Hydro One and emergency services for medical evacuations. In fact, during the fly-in, fire-fighting helicopters and a water bomber made pit stops for fuel.

With the end of this year's flying season in sight, the airport is planning only one

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Algonquin Highlands to take a close look at boat launches

by **BRYN WEESE**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the August 4 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Due to recent complaints and concerns over the usability of several water access points maintained by the municipality, council has asked public works superintendent Brian Whetstone to initiate a five-year plan for monitoring and, where needed, upgrading the municipal docks and launches. The plan is to be compiled by this fall.

The five-year plan's purpose is two-fold. Chiefly, it allows council to improve the sites as well as allow for appropriate budgeting of the expensive repairs over several years. It also keeps ratepayers in the loop as to when repairs and upgrades to their local dock or launch is scheduled, which is important, says Councillor Diane Griffin.

Truck tendering

Council received no tenders for a 2005 4x4 1/2-ton pick up truck. Council had asked local dealers to quote their best price earlier in the summer.

A submission was made for a 2006 pick up truck but was deemed outside the tendered specifics. The future truck will be used by public works staff and must be capable of plowing snow.

CAO Lorne Mitchell suggested that to maintain fairness among the three automobile dealers in the area that a new tender invitation be circulated for a 2006 4x4 1/2 ton pick up truck. Council agreed.

Buttermilk Falls

The condition of the Buttermilk Falls bridge was discussed at council. Councillor Tom Gardner expressed concern that the bridge was becoming unsafe. Mitchell informed council that the bridge is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation, not that of the Trent-Severn authority.

Council did agree that Mitchell should open a channel of communication with the Ministry of Transportation to inquire about future repairs and maintenance of the bridge.

Darren Lum/TIMES

Casting fortune

Nine-year-old Stephen Mansi stands in the Gull River fishing in Minden on Tuesday, Aug. 9. Mansi, from Oshawa, is moving up here permanently and will be attending Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Draft Plan Review

Bancroft Minden Forest
2006-2026 Forest Management Plan
(Crown Lands Only)

The **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC)** and the **Local Citizens Committee** invite you to review and comment on the draft 2006-2026 forest management plan for the Bancroft Minden Forest.

The draft forest management plan outlines the long-term strategic direction for the management of the forest, and the details of harvest, renewal and tending operations and access road locations for the first five-year term 2006-2011.

The purpose of this public consultation opportunity is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed operations before the ministry finalizes its review of the draft plan. The draft forest management plan and accompanying supplementary documentation, and MNR's preliminary list of required alterations, will be available for public review and comment for a period of sixty (60) days from **September 12, 2005 to November 11, 2005** at the ministry's Bancroft District Office (see address below), by arranging an appointment (including an appointment during non-business hours) with the ministry's Area Forester, **Bruce Fleck at 613-332-3940, extension 235.**

The draft forest management plan and accompanying supplementary documentation, and MNR's preliminary list of required alterations, will also be available for public review and comment for a period of sixty (60) days from **September 12, 2005 to November 11, 2005** at the ministry's Southern Regional Office and the Mines and Minerals Information Centre in Toronto.

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A summary of the draft forest management plan may be obtained after September 11, 2005 from the office of Bancroft Minden Forest Company or the ministry's Bancroft District Office (see addresses below).

Comments and submissions on the draft forest management plan and MNR's preliminary list of required alterations, and suggestions for additional alterations, are requested to be sent to **Bruce Fleck** of the planning team at the ministry's **Bancroft District Office, by November 11, 2005.**

The final formal public involvement opportunity for the forest management plan is tentatively scheduled as follows:

Public Inspection of the MNR-approved Forest Management Plan: **January 2006.**

The forest management plan is scheduled for implementation commencing **April 1, 2006.**

The planning team for the forest management plan consists of the following people:

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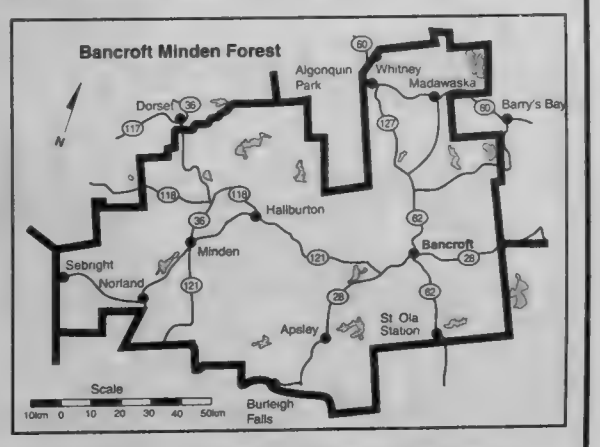

There is an opportunity during the forest management planning process to seek resolution of issues with the MNR District Manager or the MNR Regional Director in accordance with the process described in Part A, Section 3.4.1 of the Forest Management Planning Manual (2004). The last date to request the issue resolution process is **December 12, 2005** (30 days after completion of public review of draft plan).

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this forest management plan under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the operating term of the forest management plan, and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)*, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Vince Ewing at 613-332-3940, extension 206.

If you have any issues or concerns, or if you would like to receive additional background information, please contact the ministry's **Area Forester at 613-332-3940, extension 235**. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the duration of the planning process, please contact Susan Kuiack at 613-332-3940, extension 214.

For further information on the forest management planning process, information relating to the preparation of this forest management plan, or background information about the Bancroft Minden Forest, please contact any of the following individuals during normal office hours:

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As the plume of water arcs into the air behind him on Saskatchewan Lake, Bruce Hicks makes competitive waterskiing seem deceptively easy.

SKIING FOR GOLD

Bruce Hicks brings home three medals from one of the largest sporting competitions in the world

by MARTHA PERKINS

ThERE IS A DEFINING moment in Bruce Hicks' life. Actually, there are thousands of them but they're all the same.

It happens as a majestic plume of water arcs out towards the summer sky as he leans his body almost perpendicular to the lake's surface, tethered to reality only by the thick nylon rope that stretches between him and the motorboat. If you clocked him, and someone has, Hicks is going half the speed of the boat.

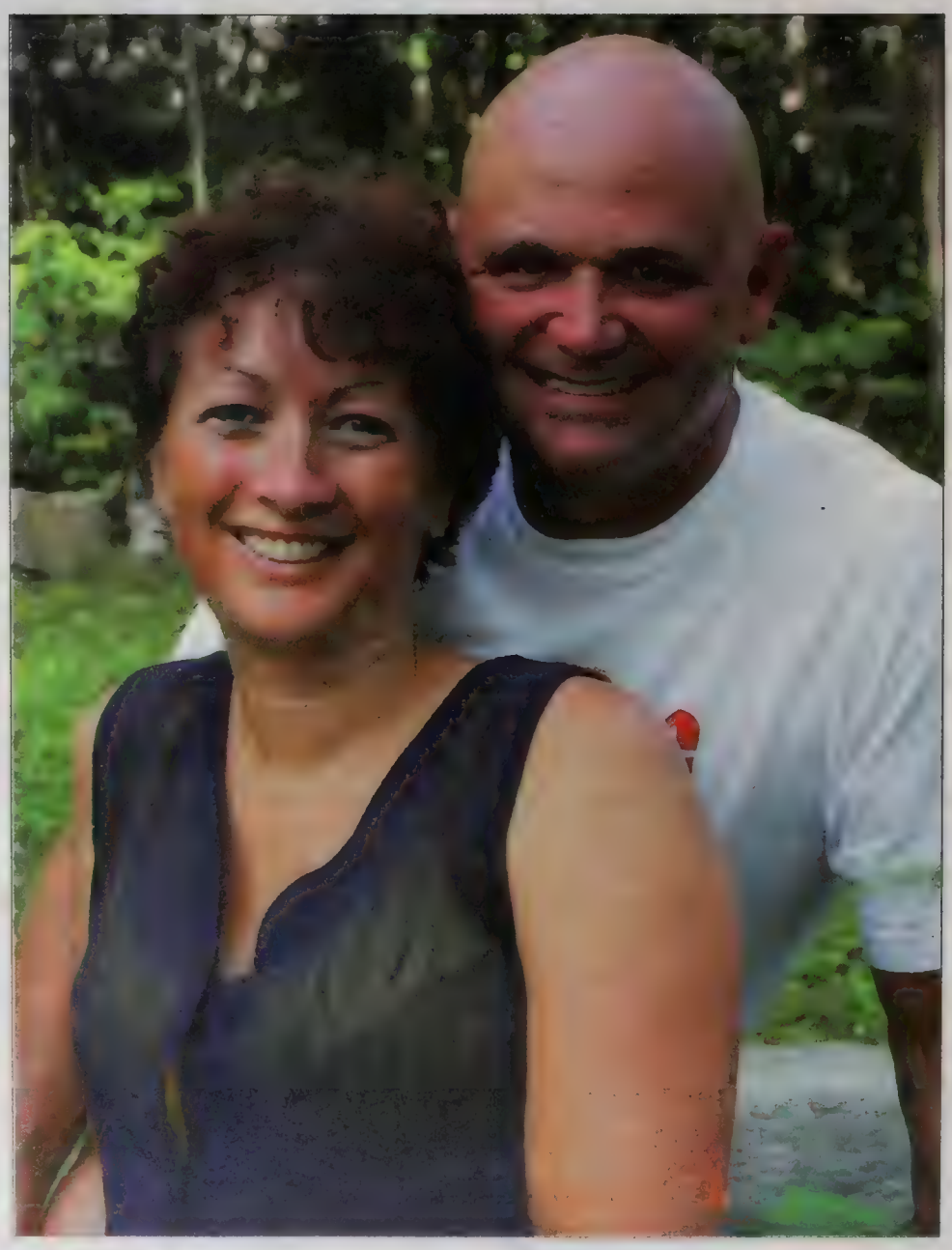
But then there's that say-it-all second when, in the act of directing his waterskis across the boat's wake, his body is propelled towards the next orange buoy at twice the speed of the boat. He knows it's coming, knows he's going to go from a moment of perfect grace to having his shoulders feel like they are being ripped out, and he loves it.

"It's a rush," he smiles, almost sheepishly, as if a grown up husband and father of four shouldn't be having this much fun. "You're going substantially slower than the boat at that turn and then you're going twice as fast. That's the exciting part."

Hicks, however, makes this sudden transition in speed look effortless. Considering that the boat's speed is set at 55 kilometres an hour, and there's often less than 43 feet of rope between him and the boat, there are very few waterskiers in Canada who can pull it off.

As of last month, Hicks could boast that there are very few waterskiers in the world who can do it as well as he can.

Just before Canada Day, Hicks gathered with 12,000 other athletes for the 2005 World Police and Fire Games in Quebec City. It's the second largest sporting event in terms of the number of competitors, second only to the Olympics. Before he and his wife Cheri returned home to Saskatchewan Lake, he had earned a gold medal in the men's open slalom, an event for elite skiers, a silver in tricks and a bronze in jumps. He might not have won the three golds that he brought home from the Games in Vancouver, but that was 16 years and three children ago so his record is still pretty impressive.



Cheri Hicks is incredibly proud of her husband Bruce, who just came home from the Police and Fire Games in Quebec with a gold, silver and bronze medal.

It certainly impresses his family. When his brother Brad phoned the newspaper with the good news, it took the coaxing of Bruce's wife Cheri to convince Bruce to agree to the interview. She and their four sons – Gavin, Brady, Robbie and Ben – are incredibly proud of him but he's embarrassed by the attention.

It's this humility that makes him such a joy to coach, says Tom Pirner, a Twelve Mile Lake cottager who was often at the wheel of the boat as Hicks practised endlessly for the games.

"Nobody works harder at it," Pirner says. "He will not let go or give up until the rope breaks. Bruce has absolute focus and commitment. When he's on the rope I don't think anything can get in his head except making this pass."

You could say that Hicks has gone from having an idyllic childhood to an idyllic adulthood. He is the second of five children: Bill, Bruce, Brad, Cindy and Barry. (The dog's name was Buster and the bird's name was Buddy. Bee-youtiful.) His father, Jim, was a teacher and then school principal and his mother Carol (Welsh) had grown up at her parents' cottage on Boshkung. As soon as school ended, they'd pack up the station wagon and drive to Boshkung.

He was five when he and six-year-old Bill got their start, albeit a very slow one. They hooked up a pair of skis to the family rowboat. The sight of them struggling to get up enough speed to ski convinced their father to buy a boat. "I think I got up on my very first time," Hicks says, the only time he'll boast – ever so humbly – about his success on-skis.

In the 1960s, Boshkung was the waterskiing capital of Canada, thanks in great part to Ross Pawson, Canada's national slalom champion for many years, and

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Halls Lake was waterski capital

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Charlie Boudreau, who organized a show ski club for young skiers. Pawson's Boshkung Lake Skiers even hosted the national championships a few times and Hicks would spend his summer days with the ski club and work in local restaurants at night.

"I used to watch them ski all day long," Hicks says. "It was a really big club."

Members would do everything from jumps to forming three-tier pyramids. Eventually, Hicks got good enough to tour Ontario's competitive ski circuit and trained in Florida, the reigning waterski capital of North America, under Jack Travers.

All that hard work (and sore muscles) paid off. In 1978, 1979 and 1980, Hicks was Canada's national waterski champion in various events.

Part of Hicks' competitive spirit came with the territory of having three brothers, especially an older one who excelled at skiing. They didn't have to compete against each other, in front of a crowd at least, when Bill switch to show skiing and spent many summers entertaining the crowds at the Canadian National Exhibition.

"It was a good life," Hicks says. "That's what we all did."

There were only a few years when the boys were young that Hicks couldn't spend most of his summer days on skis. As a professional firefighter in Mississauga, his schedule allows him to spend half of every month back in Haliburton. In the winter much of that time is helping Cheri chauffeur the four boys between hockey games and Sir Sam's ski hill, but in summer it allows him to spend much of his time on the lake.

It's still a pretty good life.

As Pirner says, "Look at the conditions you ski under. The best thing about waterskiing is the people you do it with and the environment in which you do it. You can't help but have a good time."

Waterskiers need a calm, quiet lake. While his son Gavin, who switched from waterskiing to wakeboarding, will fill the boat with ballast and invite as many people to come along to add weight to the boat, and size to the wake, Hicks hates waves. Waves can cause pain if they throw you off your skis. They can make those tight turns difficult. They cut into gold-medal times.

Hicks has a slalom course in front of his house on Saskatchewan Lake and he knows every centimetre of the distance from his house to the turn-around point at Hwy. 35. (Granted it's not a very long distance.) His course stays up all the time because he's on a small lake but Pirner has come up with an ingenious course on Twelve Mile. In the winter he'll go out to precisely measure where the buoys should be, cut a hole in the ice and drop sub buoys to about two metres under water. When Hicks ready to hit the course, they'll boat out to the sub buoys and dive under to tie the floating ones. It's good exercise to limber up and it keeps the neighbours happy.

The difficulty in getting permission for a slalom course is one of the reasons why competitive waterskiing isn't as popular in the Highlands today as it was in Hicks' youth. Wakeboarding also draws away many of the young skiers. For teenagers who can watch their favourite boarders on television virtually any hour of the day, wakeboarding has much more social cachet.

But there are even more hurdles to becoming a champion waterskier or professional wakeboarders if you're Canadian. To be the best, you have to practise every day year round, which means you have to live in a warm country. (Or, if you're as addicted as Hicks you buy a dry suit and start your season almost as soon as the ice is out.) You also have to have a lot of money. A proper boat costs $100,000. Then you have to avoid injuries.

Hicks started preparing for the World Police and Fire Games in early May. Six times a day he was out on the lake, two times each for slalom, trick and show.

"Slalom's all edge," he says of his technique. "You want your skis on edge and never flat."

The standard water ski rope is 75' long and comes in sections. Hicks starts at 22' off the length. After he successfully completes the slalom course, Pirner takes off another section of rope. "If you're in a tournament," Hicks says, "at any speed or rope length, if you fall you're done. Miss an entrance gate, that's it." It's last man standing as the speed increases.

Being one of four boys has always fuelled Hicks' desire to be better than the others. "We abuse each other," he smiles. "My older brother Bill and I are pretty competitive."

If the Games were closer, Hicks would enter them a lot more. But like the Olympics they are held around the world and with four boys of his own, it's too expensive to compete. Even getting to Quebec City was a thrill for Cheri and Bruce; it was one of their few holidays alone together.

But wherever he goes, all roads lead back to Saskatchewan Lake. "I'm attracted to the lake," Bruce says, pulling his skis back onto the boat after yet another run on the slalom course. "I have to be on the lake in the summer. I just have to be on waterskis."

Bruce started skiing when he was five. (His own boys were up on skis by the time they were three.) By 13 he was already a pro.

The waterski club was also a great place to meet girls. Of these six beauties, five are still either cottaging or living in the Highlands: Elizabeth Cline, Julie Chadwick, Wendy Wiltshire, Barb McBride, Wendy Blaim, and Brenda McCann.

Saturday's boat parade raises money for Bigwin restoration

The Friends of the Bigwin and the Lake of Bays Museum and Navigation Society are hosting the 4th annual Dorset Wooden Boat Parade festivities this Saturday August 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Dorset Pier in Dorset.

The event is being held to raise funds for the Bigwin Steamship Restoration Project.

Entertainment, free for everyone, will include music from Dr. Jazz, an antique road show and a classic wooden boat parade float-by in the afternoon. On display will be classic boats from the Lake of Bays area, including Grearette, Minett and Chriscraft.

Commemorative posters and t-shirts will be on sale to raise funds for the restoration project.

More information will soon be available at www.bigwinsteamboat.com.

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Two heads are better than one for Stewardship Councils

Co-ordinators couldn't be happier to share the work

Story & photo by **GRAEME STEMP**
Times staff

After four years of driving from Bancroft to Minden, Jennifer Card's car is finally getting a break. The Stewardship co-ordinator is leaving her post in Haliburton County to take up a full-time position with the Bancroft Ministry of Natural Resources office.

The good news is that Minden and Bancroft will finally each have their own co-ordinator. "I'm sad to leave," said Card, "but I know this is the best thing for both counties, and it is a really exciting time because a full-time coordinator can do a lot more."

The new Stewardship co-ordinator for Minden is Nicole Tuyten, a former staff biologist with the MNR in Chapleau and Clinton. "This is an incredibly beautiful area, and all the people I have met so far have been really friendly," said Tuyten. "I am hoping to know the area well in time, but right now every day is a new experience and a bit of an adventure."

The Stewardship co-ordinator acts as the spokesperson and administration for the Stewardship Council. The co-ordinator does not direct the council; rather the stakeholders decide what direction the council will take and the co-ordinator follows up on their recommendations.

"The Stewardship co-ordinator brings new information to the council and makes suggestions," said Card. "We promote sustainable, private land management; we influence people, not control them."

The Stewardship Council develops projects for wildlife, forestry, wetlands, lakes, and any other area of stakeholder interest.

Card began her job as Stewardship co-ordinator for both counties over four years ago. During her time working for both, the number of projects, meetings, documents, and members sometimes became confusing.

Even though the workload is now being shared, it's still a bit daunting for Tuyten. "Jenn's still going to be around to help me get acquainted with the large amount of work that's done," said Tuyten, "which is fine by me because there's so much I wonder how one person could do it all."

And, what will Card miss the most about Haliburton County? "The people were the best thing; they were so relaxed and enthusiastic," said Card. "But, the projects were great, too. I am excited to be working close to home, but I will definitely visit Minden to watch some of the projects near and dear to my heart."

Jennifer Card and Nicole Tuyten are changing hats. Card, the Stewardship Coordinator for Haliburton and Bancroft Counties, will work only in Bancroft now, and Tuyten will take up the torch at Minden. "Having two coordinators is a great opportunity," said Card.

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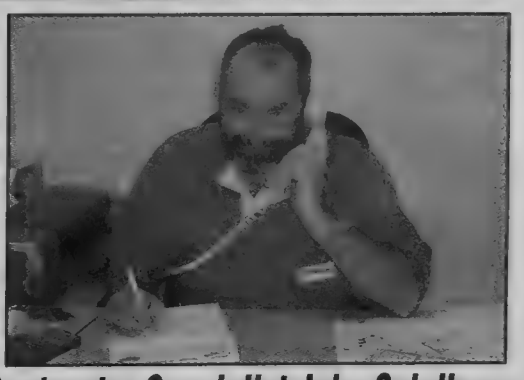

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Flower show a feast for the eyes

Elizabeth Carrell's miniature wins Best in Show trophy

by **BRYN WEESE**
Times Staff

The sights and smells of the 26th annual Minden Flower Show were definitely something to behold. Hosted by the Minden and District Horticultural Society, the show filled the Minden Community Centre with sweet aromas, colourful flowers, beautiful arrangements and yes, even cuddly teddy bears this past weekend.

This year's show, themed "A Teddy Bear Picnic," featured 45 exhibitors submitting flowers, plants, fruits and vegetables, and other assorted horticultural-like material in 88 categories. Each category had a first, second and third monetary prize available as well as points awarded for the top three finishers.

Elizabeth Carrell won this year's Best in Show with her very intricate scene of a teddy bear picnic in miniature, submitted in the "under the trees where nobody sees" category. While Carrell is happy to win this year's top prize, she is not new to winning.

"This is my 26th year in the Flower Show," she says. Modestly, she admits that she has won best in show before.

A special prize was also awarded to the exhibitor with the most overall points. This year's winner was Linda Pentney who collected 91.5 points for finishing among the top three in more than 20 different categories.

A final special prize was awarded to the first-time exhibitor with the most accumulated points. This year, that prize was awarded to Kelly Schollig who was awarded a total of 18 points.

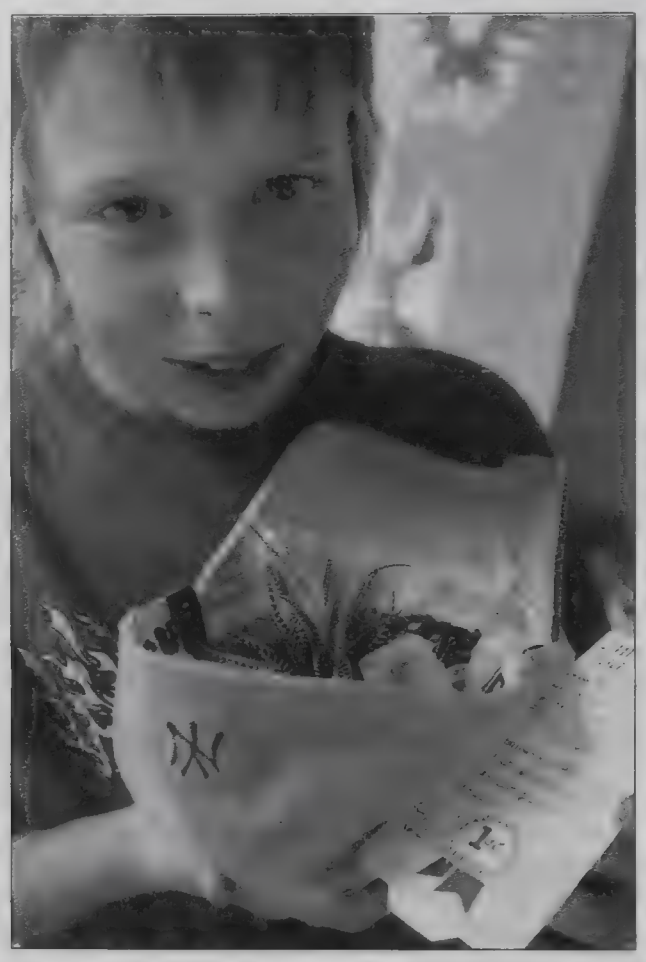
Some of the more celebrated categories in this year's show were those reserved for youth submissions. The Horticultural Society has been lending a green thumb to the Grade 3s from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and this year, children (ages five and up) were allowed to submit entries of their own. In total, there were five categories for youth submissions, of which brother and sister Stephan and Kirsten Schollig placed very well, capturing five of the 15 available top three places.

"I like just being creative with it," says Kirsten, winner of the "decorated teddy bear" and "draw your favourite flower" categories.

Stephan finished first in the "potted plant in most unusual container" category. He used his worn-out baseball cap.

Where did he get the idea? "Right off the top of my head," he smartly replied.

Besides the annual flower show, the Horticultural Society is also responsible for beautifying the town of Minden with flowers along the river and streets. For more information on the Minden and District Horticultural Society, call President Nancy Garbutt at 286-1590.



Stephan Schollig's innovative use of an old baseball cap won him a trophy.

Nancy Cook admires Pauline Plooard's Tiger Lily.

Bryn Weese photos/TIMES

Elizabeth Carrell stands behind her winning piece in the "Beneath the trees where nobody sees" category. The result of pain-staking efforts, this miniature teddy bear picnic scene also won Carrell Best in Show at the 26th annual Minden Flower Show.

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Glengarian Resort gets a new family

Running a resort, reconnecting with nature, swimming in clean water, fresh air and family fun are all part of the Hajj family's new life here in the Highlands

STANHOPE LIFE

Pauline Johnson
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Glengarian Resort, on Hwy 35 at Halls Lake, has new owners this year. They have just settled in, having taken title on July 4. Susan and David Hajj and their children are thrilled to have discovered their own little piece of heaven right here in the Highlands.

Susan jokes, "We have stayed at 27 different resorts and figured we had better buy this one before we ran out of money." From Whitby, the family has a number of business interests: a furniture store, a sign business and real estate. Susan has a passion for beautiful trees, which abound on the property, and she loves the way the rocks come up out of the grass. The thrill of clean water to swim in and shade to relax in certainly reduces the stress levels encountered in city living.

Their two children, ages 9 and 12, have no TV and no computer games to wile away the hours. Lots of exercise outside fills up their days and, in the evenings, the family plays board games, spoons and cards. Susan says that laughter often accompanies the family time together. She and David are enjoying reconnecting with nature and looking after the friendly guests that have been coming back year after year.

One guest this summer, now 40 years old, has been coming to Glengarian Resort since he was five. He brings his own two children every year and will be joined by his father again this summer. "The memories created by this sort of vacation are amazing," Susan says. Obviously, her two children agree and have repeatedly said to their parents, "Thank you so much for buying this place."

On Saturday, August 13 members of the Algonquin Highlands Writing Circle will be meeting at Club 35 between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. New members are always welcome. Bring a pen and paper and join the writers; there's a realm of endless possibilities.

Mark Wednesday, August 17 on your calendar for a storytelling and sing song campfire night at Elvin Johnson Park. It will take place between 7 and 9 p.m. Bring all your family and friends. The theme is *Christmas in August*. Dress up and be creative. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative.

Movie night at Club 35 on Thursday, August 18 will feature the film Racing Stripes. Dress up in your racing stripes and bring your gear. Prizes will be given to the most creative person who attends.

The Stanhope Triathlon will take place on Saturday, August 20 at the Stanhope Community Hall. You can pre-register by picking up a brochure from distributing local businesses or check in on race day at 7:15 a.m. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, e-mail Kerry Martin at martinfolks@rogers.com or visit the following website www.eteamz.com/stanhopetriathlon/. You can also call Lois at (705) 454-8682.

Stanhope Log Chute's Official Grand Opening will take place on Saturday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. If you're planning to attend, carpool with some friends or neighbours because parking is seriously limited. It's an outdoor site with no hydro or running water, so dress sensibly – and please leave Fido at home.

The Hawk/Halls Property Owners' Association will be hosting a meeting on the morning of Saturday, August 20 at Club 35, beginning at 10 a.m. The purpose will be to bring back to the members an early version of an action plan to see if the members support the issues that the planning board feels need to be addressed.

In order to celebrate the beauty of the night and reinforce the importance of subdued outdoor lighting to residents, the association has also planned a Dark Skies at Night event on that same evening. It will take place at Elvin Johnson Park at 7:30 p.m. Admission to association members is free. Non-members pay $5 per person. Residents are invited to practise light abatement, to turn out all their lights before leaving home and to join their neighbours in the planned nighttime activities.

At 7:45 p.m. Irene Heaven and Erin Derbyshire will lead this interactive event, aimed at increasing awareness of the nocturnal needs of animals. They will conclude their session with a discussion on wolves and lead participants through a wolf howl. "Real responses are quite possible – there's a full moon that night" I'm told. This event is aimed at ages 7 to 97.

At 9:30 p.m. John Crossen and associates from the Peterborough Astronomical Society will lead participants on a guided tour of the constellations. Have you always wanted to know how to use that telescope in the corner? They will bring a few along to give out some pointers.

If the evening turns out to be a rainy one, (we don't mind a bit of rain) the group will try again next year. If it's overcast but fairly dry, only the 9:30 p.m. event will be rescheduled.

Whether you can attend or not, local residents are urged to consider replacing outdoor spotlight bulbs with 25 or 45 watt bulbs and, if possible, consider shielding them or moving them closer to the ground. It has been proven that shoreline lighting affects animals, pollination and humans in detrimental ways.

As was pointed out at the property owners, association in July, residents are passionate about two things: noise levels (music or any annoying sounds) and dark skies at night. The noise bylaws apply all day long as well as in the evening.

Rock The Dock will take place at the Firehouse Restaurant on Hwy. 35 on Lake Kushog on Saturday, August 27. Multiple bands and fun for the whole family will be in full swing. Canoe Radio's Roxanne Casey will broadcast live from the event.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly feature, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878. Share what you know about what,s happening in Stanhope or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.

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The Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation Journey for Health is coming up and your support can make a difference to the Kinmount Medical Centre

AROUNDTHETOWN

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What a pleasant evening last night celebrating our youngest daughter Caitlin's birthday down at the Fleury Juniors' cottage on Crystal Lake. The breezes at the dock gave great relief from the humidity and the company and food were great; the only problem remains the long flight of 51 stairs. When we first saw the cottage high above the lake I remember remarking on the view from the deck and what a splendid location to paint a picture. Now, 15 years later, I remark about remembering to first use the facilities and then to take everything necessary to avoid repeat trips.

There's still time to enter or support a participant in the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation Journey for Health this Sunday, August 14. Registration is from 9 - 10 a.m. at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. For more information give Vic Ballik a call at 488-3053. Funds raised assist in the purchase of equipment and to make any necessary upgrades to our Kinmount Medical Centre. There are great prizes for those who walk or cycle donated by local businesses and individuals and their encouragement is acknowledged and appreciated.

This weekend's featured artist at the Kinmount Railway Station will be Lorraine Thayer. She studied at Queen's University and worked at the Gallery on the Lake where she became inspired to paint. Both in her paintings and drawings Lorraine's work reflects her love for animals. Do visit her on August 13 and 14 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. While there enjoy the model railroad exhibit and visit the Farmers' Market { Saturday only } as well.

Donations to support Special Olympian Carrie Crego's participation on the Ontario Provincial Team at the Special Olympics next July out in Brandon, Manitoba can be made at the Mariposa Community Credit Union or Fountain's Fish & Chips both on main street. Carrie, a member of the bowling team, has worked hard to achieve this goal and Kinmount is very proud of her.

Don't miss the grand opening of the Kinmount Pharmacy on Wednesday, August 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. complete with free hot dogs and hamburgers off the barbeque, a free draw for a 27" colour television and special discount offer. The main street pharmacy is open every day and honours all prescription insurance plans. There is a 15 per cent seniors discount on the last Friday of every month on purchases excluding prescriptions and sale items. Call 488 - 1960 for service. Summer hours are Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

August 3 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In North/South Vange Croucher and Margo Davidson were first at 60% with Ruth and Jim Forrester second at 58%. East/West winners were Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf at 62% with Grace Boice and Ev Morgan next at 60%.

August 3 bid euchre at Stanhope: Lottie Ruttan. Rob Evans, Helen Henderson, Gloria Moore, Willie Cox and Leroy Mowat took the moonshots. Topping the pinks was Willie Cox at 302 then Jean Scadden 264 and Belle Walker 259. For the white cards Marcel Roussel was first at 329 with Stan Walters second at 310 and Marcel Lamothe tied for third with Bev Swick at 274.

August 3 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Marcy Morgan was high and Emily Harvie low while Mike St. Thomas led for the gents and Harold Harvie was low. Eileen Shepstone held the most lone hands and Emily Harvie also won the draw.

August 4 euchre at the Minden Legion: It was our reporter May Bradbury and Marcel Roussel holding the most lone hands while Art Wright [3], Helen Skelding and Elva Paisley won the other prizes. High scores were recorded by Edith Burch and Frank Campagnolo with Helen Skelding and Kay Naylor taking the lows.

August 5 bid euchre at Club 35: Six moonshots went to Marion Farr, Frank Campagnolo, Jean Dutka, Marcel Lamothe, Leola Wheeler and Cliff Davison with Verna McDonald holding the hidden score. Leading the pinks was Marjorie Cowen at 297 followed by Vicki Campagnolo 284 and tied for third at 275 Helen Windsor and Mary Pearson. Marcel Lamothe was first for the white cards at 307 then Sally Cole 300 and David Lamb 271.

August 5 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Ruth Kellett won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Helen Skelding for low hands and Nick Boeskestyn for the draw.

August 5 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In North/South Stella McMillan and Ross Davies were first at 53% with Norma Crewson and Vic Mathews second at 51%. East/West winners at 63% were Pat Hannah and Joan Galley then Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf at 51%.

August 6 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots went to Kevin Maloney and Pat Roussel [2] while Pat Bailey, Yvonne Bishop and Bev Johnson won the draws. Albert Foster led the white cards at 264 followed by Theresa Deak 262 and Don Burch 228. First for the pinks was Gala Stamp 257 with Thelma Francis 246 second and Phyllis Windsor 243 third.

August 8 cribbage at the Minden Legion: Top spot went to Frank Campagnolo with Pat Scadden second and Lorna Hicks third. Other prize winners were Edith Burch, Margaret Albers, Don Hicks and Helen Luffman.

August 8 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Helen Skelding won for high hands and Pat Bailey took the honours for lone hands both needing a cut of the cards. Luverne Stewart had the low hands and Albert Foster took the special draw. A warm welcome is extended to the new residents at the Terrace along with an invitation to come out for euchre, beginners are welcome.

August 8 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: In the lone hands column it was Verna McDonald and Lorne Dinesen with high scores recorded by Joyce Noble and Joyce Ritchie. Low scores were tallied up by Jeanne Keliele and Gala Stamp while Helen Luffman held the hidden score and Kay Naylor along with Joyce Noble won the special prizes.

August 8 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: In top spot was Vic Ballik with Eileen Shepstone second high. Dorothy McElwain won the draw while Vic Ballik had a single moonshot and Theresa Deak took two.

August 8 euchre at Club 35: Marion Farr was double lucky winning both lone hands and the bologna. High scores went to Verna Sawyer and Tom Pearson with Harry Randell and Olive Jones [welcome back] taking the lows. Please note Clara Miscio did not get a special prize.

August 9 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Scoring leader was Stan Walters with 312 then Gala Stamp 290 and Pat Roussel 282. Moonshots landed on Ellie Langpohl and Jean Scadden

while Ruth Kellett, Marcel Roussel, Jean Scadden and Tom Grix won the draws.

August 9 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Small Slams made by Diana Spicer and Vange Croucher and Gloria and Ray Moore. Dorothy Kinsman had the high score of 5680 followed by Harold Cox 5610, Frank Jones 5360 and Joan Galley 5240. Grace Smyth won the lucky draw, Dorothy Strype the Shiny Penny and for Dorothy Kinsman the "D.B.A.S." Award to remind her "Don't Be A Stranger".

Charity cyclists need road respect

Hundreds of cyclists will be riding for charity this weekend throughout Central Ontario and motorists are urged to exercise caution while driving near the charity ride.

"Be aware of the number of cyclists on the roadway, slow down and be patient while the charity ride is underway," states the OPP.

In the Haliburton Highland area, the cyclists' path will be as follows:

Today, August 12, the cyclists will be traveling eastbound on Highway 118 to Bobcaygeon Road.

Tavelling Southbound on Bobcaygeon Road into Minden, the cyclists will then travel along Deep Bay Road to camp Kilcoo for the night.

On Saturday August 13, the cyclists will head northbound on Highway 35, turning eastbound on County Road 21 (formerly 121).

Before reaching Haliburton, the cyclists will turn southeast onto County Road 49 towards the Bobcaygeon area.

The four-day Tour for Kids charity ride raises funds for summer camps for children with cancer. Last year, the charity trek raised $275,000. This year, all proceeds from pledges and donations go to Camp Trillium, Camp Quality and Camp Oochigeas to help with the cost of running summer camps for children with cancer.

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Please contact the Environmental Manager for more information at 705-286-1260, ext 216, by fax at 705-286-4917 or by email at rromberg@county.haliburton.on.ca

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SCREENING and SUPPLY OF WINTER SAND HIGHLAND GROVE PATROL YARD

Quotation forms may be picked up at the County Administration Building, Roads Department Office located at 3 St. Germaine Street, for the Screening and Supply of Winter Sand for the Highland Grove Patrol Yard.

Closing date: Monday, August 22nd, 2005 at 2:00 pm local time.

Lowest or any Quotation not necessarily accepted.

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SCREENING WINTER SAND HALIBURTON LAKE

Quotation forms may be picked up at the County Administration Building, Roads Department Office located at 3 St. Germaine Street, for screening winter sand at Haliburton Lake.

Closing date: Monday, August 22nd, 2005 at 2:00 pm local time.

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Perennial garden in need of TLC

If you have a greenthumb there is a garden that could use your touch

DORSETNEWS
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St. Ambrose Anglican Church would like to thank all those who donated so generously to their "Stuff Sale" and to those who purchased "Stuff". The general response was remarkable. They would also like to thank Dan and Cindy of the Horseless Carriage for their donation to the barbecue and the Baysville Curling Club for the extra time in their building. All in all it was a great success.

The last Dorset Campfire Night of the summer is on Wednesday, August 10 starting at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Parkette. Games, campfire stories, campfire songs, s'mores and more! Don't miss the fun! This event is free but donations are gratefully accepted to support Dorset recreation programs.

The Brockville Lions Steel Band will be performing at Lions Camp Dorset on Friday, August 12 beginning at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to come out and listen to this great band.

The Wooden Boat Parade in Dorset has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. Anyone with Bigwin memorabilia or anything about the steamboat era on the lakes is welcome to bring it to share with others. For more information, contact Carolyn at 705-766-1927.

Century 21 Cottage Country Realty at 22474 Hwy 35 in Dorset is hosting a Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. Join them for a barbecue treat and a chance to say hello.

The Dorset Library is hosting a storytime for kids of all ages on Thursday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the library at 705-766-9969. The Dorset Branch is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Yoga classes with Allie Chisholm Smith take place at the Dorset Recreation Centre every Friday throughout the summer and fall. You can join in at any time or just drop in for a class or two. Allie's style of yoga is very gentle and suitable for all levels. Allie's sister, Jocelyn, is offering deep tissue massages at the Rec Centre on Monday, August 15 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can book a half hour or full hour appointment by calling the Rec Centre at 705-766-9968.

Rev. Deborah Van Billsen will be holding Vacation Bible School at Pioneer Memorial United Church on Hwy 60 opposite Tally Ho Winter Park Road from August 15 to 19 for children ages 4 to 12. For further information, please call Rev. Billsen at 705-635-3339.

The next Dorset bus trip to Casino Rama is on Friday, August 19. To find out more or to reserve a seat on the bus, give Sandra a call at 705-766-9483.

Dorset Family Movie Night takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, August 19 starting at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation; free popcorn for everyone, beverages and treats will be on sale. Don't miss this family friendly event open to kids of all ages!

There is a small perennial garden behind the Dorset Recreation Centre that has gotten out of hand. Are there any volunteers out there who would be interested in bringing this little garden back to life? If so, give the Recreation Centre a call at 705-766-9968.

The Dorset Volunteer Fire Department Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 9 with 2 sittings, one at 4:30 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available after September 1 by calling Donna at 705-766-9253. Funds raised go towards the Kitchen Project at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Birthday wishes for the week August 7 to 13 go out to Pauline Lonsdale, Happy 18th to Erin Burgess and Happy 60th to Jack Lilliman. I hope you enjoy your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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SNACK BAR ATTENDANTS

The Municipality is seeking Adult and Student Snack Bar Attendants. The successful applicants are expected to commence the first week of September. Rate of pay is in accordance with the Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 4286.

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705-286-1936

Envelopes should be clearly marked "Snack Bar Attendant" and submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on
Friday, August 26th, 2005

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, August 25, 2005 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. SRA-**04-10**
   Applicant –**JOHNSON: Bernice M. Estate**
   Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8093, registered July 20, 2005.
2. File No. SRA-**04-14**
   Applicant –**STILL: Ian and Jillian**
   Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 2, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8102, registered August 2, 2005.
3. File No. SRA-**04-25**
   Applicant –**GORT: Christoffel and Elaine**
   Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession13, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1on a Plan of Survey 19R-8104 registered August 2, 2005.
4. File No. SRA-**04-40**
   Applicant – **COLBY: Bruce**
   Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8084, registered July 12, 2005.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Office located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 12th day of August 2005.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS, CLERK, CLOSING DATE: Friday, August 26th, 2005

We invite you to apply for the position of the CLERK.

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You must have post-secondary education in government administration or other related discipline, or the equivalent combination of education and experience, plus A.M.C.T. designation and 5 years progressive experience in a municipal environment. You shall have ability to fulfill statutory roles under the Municipal Act. The ability to work effectively with the public, staff, members of council, municipal officials and provincial representatives; Committed to professionalism and teamwork, you have excellent administrative, report writing and communication skills, as well as demonstrate experience in a computerized workplace.

The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills offers an excellent benefit package. Salary range is $46,840 - $54,299

Candidates are invited to submit a detailed resume clearly marked "Confidential" by mail or email, no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 26th, 2005

Personal information for this position is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. For detailed job description go to www.minden.on.ca

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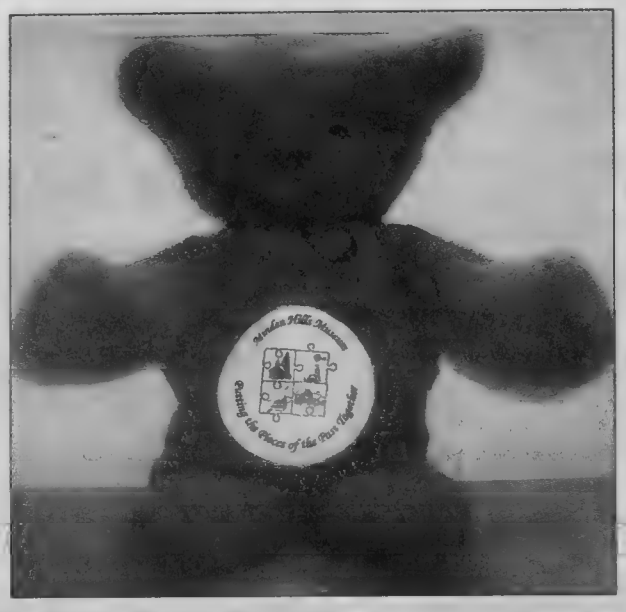
A Beary Picnic

Minden's going to the bears on August 17

by SARAH DELROY

The Minden Hills Museum wants to throw your children to the bears. They also want your kids to bring their own lunch, have lots of fun and take home a goodie bag.

On Wednesday, August 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the bears will be gathering at the heritage buildings on the museum grounds. There will be games, crafts, stories and songs. Kids can play in a giant maze, make and keep their own stuffed teddy, bear hand puppet, bookmark, puzzle and colouring page.



A vintage bear from the Minden Hills Museum

It's bears, bears, bears! There is no need to go to the garbage dump and take pictures from afar. Your child can get their photograph and a hug from Smokey the Bear and some of his friends. Bart Hilhorst from the Ministry of Natural Resources is also coming with a bear display and to answer any bear questions you might have.

After all the games, crafts, stories, songs, picnic lunch and fun, the kids will bring home a gift bag filled with stuff donated by A & W Lindsay, Coca Cola, DARE cookies, Simmons Enterprises, the World Wildlife Fund and many more. Your family can also support the local hospital by purchasing a beautiful stuffed bear to take home.

The cost is only $2 per child due to the generous support of the Minden Hills Cultural Foundation. Adults are free and must accompany their children. Attendance is limited to 100 kids. Registration is advised. Call the Minden Hills Museum to reserve your spot at 286-3154.

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YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER

Family Services of Haliburton County has a permanent part-time (3-4 days/wk) position for an outreach worker to establish a program for teens who are at increased risk for having difficulties in laying the foundation for a productive adulthood. These teens may be experiencing conflict with the law, difficulty with school, inappropriate living situations, substance abuse, depression or other mental health problems, self-destructive life style, and/or other circumstances which reduce the probability of 'turning out well'. The outreach worker will work closely with the Haliburton County Community Justice Program in delivering individual and group services to teens at risk. S/he will also deliver early intervention programs in conjunction with other Family Service staff offering diverse mental health and other support services to children and their families.
Check www.familyserviceshaliburton.ca for further details.

The successful candidate will have a systemic understanding of adolescence and love working with teens. S/he will show initiative and self-direction and be able to work collaboratively with a broad variety of professionals and community members. S/he will be able to work flexible hours, including some evening work. S/he will have relevant post-secondary education and experience, live in or be prepared to move to Haliburton County, and have a reliable vehicle and valid driver's license.

Please forward curriculum vitae by August 15th to Dr. Fay Martin, Executive Director, Family Services of Haliburton County, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0, fax 705-457-3492, or e-mail faym@familyserviceshaliburton.ca.

We will acknowledge applications only from those applicants who are selected for interviews.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

what's happening in the Highlands

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• **Now until August 25:** 4 Cs Straw Bale Building Project (Site Tours) – Every Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. 25 York St., Haliburton, Ont. Next to the Rails End Gallery.
• **Aug. 12:** Community Care Haliburton – Wheels to Meals at Martinwood Resort, 12 noon. Great food, at this Harcourt Resort. Call Eileen Knox at 448-2596 to reserve your spot.
• **Aug. 13:** Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129 Haliburton – Presents Willie & The Poor Boys. Clubroom downstairs, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
• **Aug. 13:** Big Bake Sale – Follow the Pink Balloons to the Museum, Bayshore Drive, Sat., Aug. 13th, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for a delicious array of pies, tarts, cakes, cookies, etc., baked by the Haliburton United Church Women.
• **Aug. 13:** Help support Community Care at our Charity BBQ at Todd's Independent Grocer. Proceeds will support Community Care Haliburton – who have supported seniors and disabled adults in Haliburton County for 25 years.
• **Aug. 16:** Join Community Care for our Wheels to Meals at the Dominion Hotel in Minden, 11:30 a.m. Call Myrtle Bouthhorn at 754–1711 to reserve.
• **Aug. 17:** Haliburton Spinners & Weavers – Make your own greeting cards with Diane. Call 286-3310.
• **Aug. 17:** Community Care Haliburton – Wheels to Meals at Win Yeung, 12 noon. A fabulous meal and lots of fun!. Call Aileen Bruce at 457-3375 to reserve your seat.
• **Aug. 17:** Family Picnic Social – Minden Hills Museum. Adults free - 3 hours of fun!! Games, crafts, stories all inclusive. Old fashioned treats to purchase. Bring a smile and picnic lunch. Adults must accompany children. Call Minden Hills Museum for info and cost, 286–3154.
• **Aug. 20:** Fort Irwin's Resident Association Hall (FIRA) – Come and enjoy a pancake breakfast on Sat., Aug. 20 from 9 to 12. The FIRA Hall is located on the Haliburton Lake Road, 4 km north of the Fort Irwin Marina. You can check out the used books for sale, purchase misc. articles at the yard sale and tickets for the hand-stitched quilt, and order meat, pumpkin and apple pies for Thanksgiving.
• **Aug. 20:** Trails & Tours – Hawk Lake Log Chute Launch and Heritage Trail Opening – Sat., Aug. 20, 10 a.m. - noon. All welcome to view the beautifully restored log chute and take a hike on our new trail! Please call for information 489-4049 or e-mail info@trailsandtours.com
• **Aug. 20:** Second annual Haliburton County Rail Trail Relay, a fun, recreational running event on the Rail Trail. Register in teams of up to 6 runners, with distances ranging from 2.5 to 11 km. Relay starts in Kinmount and ends in Haliburton. Great fun, food and draw prizes! Contact Sue Shikaze, 457-910 or singing.dog@sympatico.ca for more info.
• **Aug. 20:** Haliburton Spinners & Weavers – Make an exquisite Victorian fabric lampshade with Evelyn Bouma. Frame and all materials supplied. Call 286-3310 to book.
• **Aug. 20:** Royal Canadian Legion Br. 129 Haliburton – Presents: Riff Raff and Special Open State. Held in the Clubroom downstairs. 3 p.m. until 1 a.m. Come & enjoy some great down home talent!
• **Aug. 22:** Caregiver Support Group – Hosted by: The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough & Area. Aug. 22, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Hyland Crest LTC Home, (Classroom). This is an informal, caring discussion group for family members and their loved ones diagnosed with Alzheimer Disease or a related Dementia. Our goal is to provide support, education and care. All are welcome. Please contact Sandi May, Support Services Coordinator at 748-5131 or 1-800-561-2588.
• **Aug. 23:** Community Forum being held to gather your input into an active transportation plan for Haliburton Village. Forum will be on Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. Come on out and contribute to the plan - refreshments served!

• **Ontario Early Years Centre Minden** – A well Baby Drop-In will be held the second Thursday of each month starting Sept. 8th from 10 a.m. - noon. Have your baby weighed, receive breastfeeding support and information about growth and development. Located at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden, 286-1770. In partnership with the HKPR District Health Unit.
• **Haliburton Spinners and Weavers Guild** offers unique items created by local artisans for sale at the Pritchard House opposite the Post Office in Minden. Weave a rag rug or table runner. No experience necessary. Call 286- to book. Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• **Did you know that Community Care** Haliburton County offers nutritiously-balanced frozen meals on wheels, for those days that you don't feel like cooking a well-balanced meal. We have transportation services to get you to medical and other appointments. And we offer an Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of knowing that they can access help at any time, without reaching the telephone. For info. call 457-2941.
• **For women experiencing** any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
• TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Mondays at the Home Support Office (Halco Mall). Weigh in 9:30 - 10 a.m. followed by a meeting until 11 a.m. For further information please call Donald Dillon at 447-2420.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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290 COMING EVENTS

BEARY SOCIAL PICNIC
Wednesday, August 17th
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Registration limited to first 100.
Each child registered will:
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- Participate in games, stories & songs
- Receive a gift bag of goodies to take home and enjoy.

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COMMUNITY LIVING HALIBURTON COUNTY
would like to invite members and friends to attend our
Annual General Meeting
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Thursday, September 15th
7:00 p.m.
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Sunday, August 14th, at 2:00 p.m.
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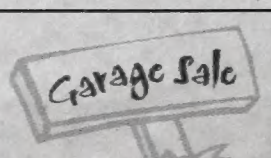

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Very proud parents David & Tina. Second grandchild for Valorie Gilbert, Roger & Donna O'Malley of Sudbury. Great granddaughter for Beaulah Hewitt, Ruby Gilbert & Maude O'Malley.

390 PUBLIC NOTICES

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Haliburton County Rail Trail will be used for a recreational running event on **Saturday, August 20, 2005**. The Rail Trail from Kinmount to Ritchie Falls will be closed between 9-11 a.m. and from Ritchie Falls to Haliburton between 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please use extreme caution in the vicinity of the Rail trail during these times.

440 THANK YOU

SINCE VITO'S DIAGNOSIS on May 4, 2004 and the subsequent outpouring of caring, kindness, love and generosity displayed by our many friends and family and the whole community of Minden, I have had months to compose the perfect thank you letter. However, try as I might to put pen to paper, words cannot express the thoughts the heart would like to say, and some things are too deeply felt to be expressed. Still I would be remiss if I did not at least try to express my heartfelt gratitide and thanks to those individuals from the following who helped in, so many ways to make the last year bearable: The Access Centre, SIRCH Community Hospice, Para-med, The Parish of Minden Kinmount, Archie Stouffer Elementary School, I.A.T.S.E. Local 873, the Ajax Rod & Gun Club, the Toronto Revolver Club, Arcadia Lodge, Minden Pharmasave, the Minden Hospital, the Toronto General Hospital, the Toronto Western Hospital, St. Michaels's Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto Home Care, and The Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home. I would like to name names, but the list would be so very long. You and I and God know who you are. Of course, I continue, to be grateful for family and friends and our community for their onging support during this difficult time. May each of you be blessed in your lives as you have so richly blessed us. **With love, and many thanks, Gaye & Nicholas Botticella.**

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THANK YOU – Our 6th Annual O.F.A.H. Haliburton Lake Trout Conservation Dinner & Auction on July 8th at the Delta Pinestone Resort was a *huge* success. Your generous donations helped to contribute to an incredible evening. On behalf of the Haliburton Lake Trout Project Dinner Committee, we would like to express our appreciation to all the individual donors, local businesses, building contractors, professional service providers and corporate sponsors for your continued support. Your valued support for our local conservation projects is very much needed and greatly appreciated. *Thank you all!*
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Theresa and her family would like to thank all those gracious people who provided food, floral tributes, cards and prayers for Ambrose. The many phone calls, home drop-ins and visits to Monk's Funeral Home were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to the Minden Curling Club, Stanhope 'Bridgers' and the people from Fatima Church with Fr. Tony and the music group in particular. Kirsten, Barry, Sarah and Paul of Monk's were ever so special in helping us through this trying time. As well, thank you to one and all for your generous donations to the Minden Health Care Facility and Peterborough Regional Health Centre. Finally, sincerest regards to my friends for all their support and kind words.
The Carroll Family.

450 IN MEMORIAM

FOUNTAIN, HARRY JOHN WILLIAMS – In loving memory of a dear husband and father who passed away August 13, 2004.
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But to all there comes a moment
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You gave me years of happiness
Then came sorrow and tears
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Love Marilyn.

SWINSON, DAN – In loving memory of our Dad, Dan Swinson, Aug. 12, 2003.
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The family gathers and your not there
It doesn't feel right, it isn't fair
The sadness we feel we cannot explain
In our hearts Dad you'll always remain.
Love always Lynne, Owen, Joanne & Boone.

SWINSON, DAN – In loving memory of our Grampa, Dan Swinson, Aug. 12, 2003.
Now two years have passed
Since we've seen you last
Although you could not be here forever
The memories of you, we'll always treasure.
Love Greg, Amanda, Corey, Lucas & Nicole.

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
ELMER NORMAN HARRISON
Passed away peacefully at the Extendicare, Haliburton on Saturday, August 6th, 2005 in his 86th year.
Beloved husband of the late Ethel (nee Arnberg), dear father of WIllis, Lorne, Allen, Carol, (Eric Thompson), Harold (Chris), Sharon (Keith McIntosh) and predeceased by daughters-in-law Barbara and Caryl. Loving grandfather of Debra-Lyn, Delaine, Colleen, Amie, Lucas, Matthew, Ryan, Jeffery and great grandfather of Dustin, Makalya, Cassandra and Brooke-Lynn. Dear brother of Ruth Barry, Keith, Leitha Stearns, Carl, Jim and predeceased by Mary Hicks, Mervin, Lloyd and Jack. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St. Minden on Monday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.
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460 OBITUARIES

SCHELL, EDNA: (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) – Peacefully at Hyland Crest Nursing Home on Thursday, August 4, 2005 in her 79th year. Beloved wife of the late Mark Schell. Loving mother of Robin Curry of Bracebridge, Mark and Jennifer of Haliburton, Rachel and Peter Fearrey of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Kim, Kendra, Stacy, Matthew, Jeff, Kevin, Kaily, Angela, Erin, Ashley, Erica and great grandchildren Kyle and Kiana. Dear sister of Howard Roberts. Predeceased by her brother Grant. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy.# 118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457–9209 on Friday, August 5, 2005 from 7-9 p.m. Then again on Saturday, August 6, 2005 from 2 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 3 o'clock. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations may be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Foundation.

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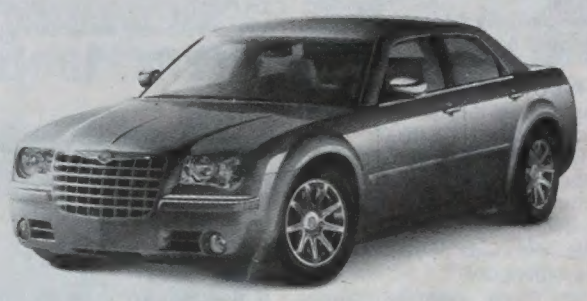

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